



# American Culinary Federation Achievement of Excellence Award Application Updated October 30, 2025

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**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2026

## **Overview:**

The Achievement of Excellence Award recognizes a restaurant and its chef or kitchen manager for their commitment to excellence in foodservice.

## **Eligibility:**

- Not have received the Achievement of Excellence Award within the last three (3) years.
- Have been in business for at least five (5) consecutive years.
- Have employed the same chef or kitchen manager for a minimum of two (2) years.
- Be open to the public; and
- Be open a minimum of five (5) days a week.

## **Please submit all required materials listed below:**

The following must also be submitted along with this completed application:

- A brief (400 words or less) bio of the chef or kitchen manager.
- Letter of recommendation (500 words or less) from a local ACF chapter board or committee member detailing reasons for nomination, accomplishments, contributions to ACF and/or industry and any other relevant information.
- Copy of current menu(s); and
- Documentation detailing any recent awards or recognitions.
  - If submitting copies of articles or awards, send no more than three (3) to five (5) of the most recent; not to exceed ten (10) pages total.
- Submit all completed applications to [administration@acfchefs.org](mailto:administration@acfchefs.org)

## **Selection Process:**

Nominations will be submitted and reviewed by the Regional Vice President of the candidate's region and forwarded to the ACF National President for final review and winner selection. All decisions made by the ACF National President are final and not subject to appeal.

## **Winner Notification:**

To ensure confidentiality of the award, winners will not be notified of their standing until the award presentation. Attendance of award presentation is mandatory.



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## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION:

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ACF Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINEE'S INFORMATION:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Opened: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Hours:

Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_ Monday: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday: \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_

Chefs Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ACF Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_



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List of articles or Awards (attach all articles / documentation of award listed)

Award/Recognition: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that the information I have provided to The American Culinary Federation is correct. Furthermore, I grant permission the ACF and its subsidiaries to use the information in this nomination form in print and electronically for promotional purposes, which may include video and/or photography. I understand that I will not be compensated and that I may not be notified for each use. All decisions that are made by the ACF National President are final and not subject to appeal.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_